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PHOTO: Courtesy of Northeastern University Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry

Many congregations around the diocese again this year are finding that the traditional sharing of food and hospitality at Thanksgiving is more than merely symbolic, as hungry neighbors, as many as ever and more, are coming to their pantry and church doors.

"Our biggest challenge is meeting the increase in demand," the Rev. Edgar Gutierrez-Duarte of St. Luke's-San Lucas Church in Chelsea told the [Malden Observer](#) last week. "We used to serve only 10 families each month. Now we are serving 80 families a week. It's so difficult to find enough money and resources to help everyone in need of our services."

It's the same at St. Mary's Church in Dorchester. Anticipating at least 400 people this year, St. Mary's will extend its food pantry hours on the two Tuesdays it distributes Thanksgiving food.

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[Click here](#) to learn about Thanksgiving worship services, community meals, outreach projects and volunteer opportunities at an Episcopal church near you.

A Thanksgiving message from Bishop Cederholm

Bishop Bud shares one of his fondest Thanksgiving memories and something about what it really means to gather around the table.

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Annual convention celebrates diocese's 225 years

The Diocese of Massachusetts marked its 225th year during its Nov. 6-7 convention, and the celebration spilled out of Trinity Church into a big white tent pitched on Boston's Copley Plaza.

Some 650 people attended the convention, which is the diocese's annually gathered governing body and the one occasion when all 185 congregations are present together through their clergy and elected representatives.



PHOTO: Jamie Reamer

The big tent goes up in front of Trinity Church in Boston on Nov. 6.

It was a forward-looking, forward-moving anniversary celebration, focused on youth and young adult ministry that is part of the diocese's evolving mission strategy for growth.

Both the righting of historical wrongs and the church's current grappling with changing social norms were raised up in the form of resolutions on slavery and reconciliation, and on whether clergy should be allowed to solemnize same-gender marriages in Massachusetts.

And, the \$6.4 million budget approved for 2010 reflects current hard economic times but maintains its mission commitment and invests in strategic ministries.

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View convention photo galleries from [Nov. 6](#) and [Nov. 7](#).

Full texts of resolutions and convention materials are [here](#).

Cathedral radio broadcast faces uncertain future

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul's long-running popular Sunday morning radio broadcast may be about to lose its on-air home as a result of WGBH's purchase of classical music station WCRB 99.5 FM.

Cathedral dean Jep Streit is asking listeners who care about the program to write to WGBH's radio program manager, John Voci, at 1 Guest Street, Boston, MA 02135.



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Newslinks:

Please pass the Purell: Episcopal churches are among those trying to balance Communion and sanitary practices during flu season, according to the *Boston Globe's* Nov. 8 "[Articles of Faith](#)" column. For a lighter take on the whole situation, here's a Nov. 12 "Clergy Confidential" [blog post](#) by Tim Schenck, Rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Hingham.

Climate change campaigners rally for religious reasons: Bishop Bud Cederholm, Chris Ashley and Robert Tobin go green in the Nov. 9 [Crimson](#).

"Be True to Your School": Episcopal Divinity School installed its new president and dean, Katherine Ragsdale, on Oct. 23. The celebration started with a processional dove and ended with the Beach Boys, Episcopal Life Online reports [here](#).

A first for Connecticut: The Oct. 24 election of Ian T. Douglas as 15th bishop of Connecticut marks the first time in its 224-year history that that diocese has chosen a bishop from outside of Connecticut, Episcopal Life Online [reports](#).

Looking before they leap: Few area Episcopalians are looking to join Vatican flock, the *Boston Globe* [reported](#) on Oct. 26.

Where signs of God abound: This Oct. 18 *Boston Globe* [story](#) features Sarah Brockmann and continuing ministry at Trinity Church in Rockland with both the hearing and hearing impaired.

Coming up: Advent Morning with Phyllis Tickle

Join noted speaker and author Phyllis Tickle for an "Advent Morning" at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston on Saturday, Dec. 19, beginning at 8:30 a.m. This event is open to all. [Registration and details are here.](#)



Also coming up:

[Nov 18 & 25](#): Wednesday Concert Series, Church of St. John the Evangelist, Boston, 5:30 p.m.

[Nov 18](#): "Architecture and Spirituality" lecture, Trinity Church, Boston, 7 p.m.

[Nov 18](#): Contemplative Eucharist, Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 7 p.m.

[Nov 20-22](#): Junior High Youth Retreat, Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center, Greenfield, N.H.

[Nov 21](#): Parenting Workshop, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 10 a.m.

[Nov 28](#): Parade of Lights Choral Concert at St. Anne's Church, Lowell, 6:30 p.m.

[Nov 29](#): Advent Lessons and Carols, St. Margaret's Convent, Boston, 4 p.m.

[Nov 30](#): United Thank Offering grants deadline

[Dec 2](#): Refreshment Day, Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 9 a.m.

[Dec 3](#): Diocesan Council, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 5:30 p.m.

[Dec 3](#): Presiding bishop joins Tech & Culture Forum for 45th anniversary, MIT Building 10, Room 250, Cambridge, 7 p.m.

[Dec 3](#): "No Room At the Inn" Creches Display, St. John's Church, Lowell, 7 p.m.

[Dec 5](#): Safe Church Training, St. John's Church, Sandwich, 8:30 a.m.

[Dec 5](#): Advent Retreat, Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 9:30 a.m.

[Dec 5](#): Taize service at St. Anne's Church, Lowell, 7 p.m.

[Dec 6](#): Youth Leadership Training for Adults, St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, 3 p.m.

[Dec 9](#): Green Gathering, Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 6 p.m.

[Dec 12](#): Eucharistic Visitor Training, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 9 a.m.

[Dec 12](#): Advent Day of Prayer, St. Margaret's Convent, Boston, 9:30 a.m.

[Dec. 16](#): Annual *Messiah* Sing, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 12:15 p.m.

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